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FATAL HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST PIMA STREET AND NORTH ALVERNON WAY

*****UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017*****

The detectives with the Traffic Investigations Unit have furthered the investigation into this fatal hit and run that occurred last Wednesday. The adult male victim has been identified as **67-year-old Leonard Green**. His next of kin has been notified.

On the day of the incident, officers from Operations Division Midtown Community Response Team followed up on potential leads on the driver of the Titan who fled the scene following the collision. Within several hours after the incident, they identified and detained a male in the 100 block of E. Pastime Rd. Traffic detectives responded and conducted interviews and collected evidence but no arrest was made at that time. The detectives continued their investigation and conducted further interviews and processed evidence. They were able to develop probable cause to arrest the male originally detained. Last night officers from Operations Division West, along with members from SWAT and K-9, responded to the residence in the 100 block of E. Pastime Rd. They were able to take the suspect into custody without incident. He has been identified as **33-year-old Ruben Aulbert Lemon**. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail on one count of **Hit and Run Involving a Death – A Class 2 Felony**. His booking photograph has been provided.



Ruben Aulbert Lemon

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Detectives are continuing this investigation and additional charges may be added at a later date. As they further this investigation, they are requesting anyone with information related to this incident to please call 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

Sergeant Kimberly Bay – September 24, 2017

On September 20, 2017, around 10:45 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a serious injury collision on E. Pima St. near N. Alvernon Way. Upon arrival, they observed the driver of a truck had struck an adult male and an adult female who had been waiting at the bus bench. The driver fled the scene and officers immediately began searching the area while the paramedics treated the male and female. The male and female were both transported to Banner University Medical Center with serious injuries. Sadly, the male later succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. His identity is being withheld, pending next of kin notification. The female remains in the hospital with serious injuries.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the driver of a gray 2011 Nissan Titan was traveling southbound on Alvernon Way and made an eastbound turn onto E. Pima St. at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the Titan, veered off the roadway and struck the bus bench on the south side of the street, striking the male and female. The adult male driver of the Titan exited and fled on foot eastbound from the collision. He was described as an African American male, twenty to thirty years of age with long dreadlocks.

The investigation is ongoing and no arrest has been made at this time. Detectives are urging anyone information related to this incident to please call 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2016 - 38
Pedestrian - 9
Bicycle - 4
Motorcycle - 8

For 2017 - 39
Pedestrian - 18
Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 8

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